MINUTES CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS PARKS, ARTS, RECREATION AND CULTURE ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING

May 10, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

5:03 PM, City Hall, Council Chambers, 2250 Las Vegas Boulevard North, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Branch
Vice Chairwoman Ward
Member Brown
Member McKenzie
Member Lisiewski
Member Ramirez
Member Hiller
Member Maxwell – Via phone (Joined 5:16 p.m., Left 6:12 p.m.)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Member Zawarus

STAFF PRESENT

Neighborhood and Leisure Services Director Palmer
City Clerk Rodgers
Deputy City Clerk Obed
Deputy City Clerk/Recording Secretary McDowell
Neighborhood and Leisure Services Assistant Vetter
Neighborhood and Leisure Services Recreation Supervisor
Johnson
Deputy City Attorney II Craft

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - INVITATION

Member Ramirez

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public participation.

AGENDA

1. Approve Parks, Arts, Recreation and Culture Advisory Board Regular Meeting Agenda of May 10, 2022. (For Possible Action)

ACTION: **APPROVED**

MOTION: Vice Chairwoman Ward SECOND: Member McKenzie

Member Brown, Member Hiller, Chairman Branch, Members AYES:

Lisiewski and Ramirez

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Members Zawarus and Maxwell

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Approve Parks, Arts, Recreation and Culture Advisory Board Regular Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2022. (For Possible Action)

ACTION: **APPROVED**

MOTION: Member McKenzie SECOND: Member Lisiewski

AYES: Member Hiller, Member Brown, Vice Chairwoman Ward, Chairman

Branch, Member Ramirez

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Members Zawarus and Maxwell

BUSINESS

3. <u>Update on Park Murals at Valley View Park: Playground, South Park Wall,</u> and Lake Mead Wall. (For Discussion Only)

Chairman Aubrey Branch introduced Neighborhood and Leisure Services Director Cass Palmer.

Neighborhood and Leisure Services Director Palmer thanked Chairman Branch and invited Neighborhood and Leisure Services Recreation Supervisor Angela Johnson to begin the discussion.

Recreation Supervisor Angela Johnson provided an update of the Walker Pool mural and said it was scheduled to run May 15, 2022 through May 18, 2022. She stated they were hoping to be completed by that weekend. She stated there were quite a few artist renderings coming in for review but none of which had been formally approved.

Recreation Supervisor Johnson displayed black and white artist renderings and stated they were ideas for the utility boxes. She said the images were from their "Electrifying Arts" project and they were doing 20 throughout the North Las Vegas area with 10 being in the Choice Neighborhood Ward. She reiterated they were quick renderings that had not been finally approved.

Neighborhood and Leisure Services Director Palmer asked Supervisor Johnson to advise where the Choice Neighborhood Ward area was located.

Recreation Supervisor Angela Johnson replied to Director Palmer that the Choice Neighborhood Ward was Lake Mead to MLK, and past another block. Supervisor Johnson provided examples of Valley View Park and Zion Methodist Church and stated they were both parts of the Choice Neighborhood and there were lots of projects within that area.

Neighborhood and Leisure Services Recreation Supervisor Angela Johnson showed a black and white rendering that she stated was part of the library boxes. She said North Las Vegas Library District Director Forrest Lewis was reviewing renderings of the library boxes and would provide his opinions. She stated the other rendering was for the Walker Pool mural with ducks and an octopus with "Walker Pool" across it. She stated in the rear of the pool there would be dolphins by the restrooms with an "Under the Sea" theme.

Recreation Supervisor Angela Johnson asked if there were any questions.

Member Hiller asked how many designs were chosen for the utility boxes.

Supervisor Johnson replied to Member Hiller that they were looking for 10 total artists, with each artist completing two utility boxes. She stated for the three libraries in North

Las Vegas, one artist would complete two for Alexander, a different artist would complete two boxes for Aliante and another artist would complete two utility boxes for City Hall.

Member Ramirez asked Recreation Supervisor Angela Johnson if there was copyright infringement regarding the Felix the Cat rendering that was presented by Supervisor Angela Johnson.

Neighborhood and Leisure Services Director Palmer stated to Member Ramirez that there was no copyright infringement for an artist's rendition. He said if an artist took it, copied it, and put their name on it, then they would have copyright issues.

Neighborhood and Leisure Services Recreation Supervisor Angela Johnson stated that the Valley View Park wall received a couple of renderings but they were going back and forth with the community. She said she was looking forward to opening the discussion for more suggestions. She stated they were possibly doing a community meeting. Supervisor Johnson said they were hoping to pick it back up July 1, 2022.

Director Palmer stated that there were three projects for Valley View Park with the first project being the playground area. He said they had a semi-circle gray cinderblock wall, 5 foot tall by 50-60 feet that they were trying to determine what to put on it. Director Palmer said the second project was the south wall between the houses. He said they were getting homeowner permission to paint the rear of the wall but noted it would not be visible from the park side. Director Palmer said the third project was the family wall one street over that fronted Lake Mead Boulevard. He noted they were also getting homeowner permission to paint that and one concept was to put prominent images of North Las Vegas figures on the wall.

Vice Chairwoman Ward asked Recreation Supervisor Angela Johnson if the renderings were examples of things that had been voted on.

Neighborhood and Leisure Services Recreation Supervisor Angela Johnson replied to Vice Chairwoman Ward that they were examples. Supervisor Johnson noted some renderings submitted had not been suitable in theme but the artists were given another chance to resubmit suitable renderings.

Vice Chairwoman Ward stated she was impressed and ecstatic for that moment and that there would be community enthusiasm as well. She asked Recreation Supervisor if some of the images had a quality difference due to artist voice or if they were just examples.

Neighborhood and Leisure Services Recreation Supervisor Angela Johnson stated the artists had a timeline of only two weeks and many were completing other projects. Recreation Supervisor Angela Johnson asked if there were any questions.

Chairman Aubrey Branch asked Neighborhood and Leisure Services Director Cass Palmer if there was a timeline prior to June or July due to the heat.

Recreation Supervisor Angela Johnson stated they had to work within Neighborhood Services and Choice Grants' parameters. She said their ultimate goal was before June 30, 2022 in order to hit the current budget year to enable them to begin new projects.

Chairman Branch thanked Recreation Supervisor Johnson.

4. Update on Seastrand Park Traffic Circle Park Art Project. (For Discussion Only)

Neighborhood and Leisure Services Director Cass Palmer stated they had a contract for a purchase order for 8 large, 30-inch bollards. He said the concrete work would begin Friday, May 13, 2022. He stated the traffic circle of Seastrand Park was designed like a simple clock face starting at midnight, noon, three, six, and nine o'clock. Director Palmer noted there were two each of baseball, soccer, tennis and basketballs to put on the spheres. He said they were looking at ideas for a centerpiece, with a sports figure or figurine concept as the popular one, or a tri-faced monument sign with a banner. He said one side would state "The City of North Las Vegas," the second side would state the name of the park, and the third side would have descriptions of history.

Recreation Supervisor Angela Johnson said they also went to a sculpture artist who could change out the art and utilized digital technology. She said the artist had done work in the Bellagio but was outside the current budget.

City Clerk Jackie Rodgers stated to PARCAB Chairman Aubrey Branch that PARCAB Member Maxwell joined the meeting via phone.

PARCAB Chairman Aubrey Branch thanked PARCAB Member Maxwell for joining the meeting.

PARCAB Member Brown asked Director Cass Palmer how the bollards would be installed.

Neighborhood and Leisure Services Director Palmer replied to PARCAB Member Brown that the installation would be completed by Executive Concrete. He stated each sphere would have a concrete square in the ground with a pipe coming out of it, wedged in concrete. Director Palmer added that the bottom of the sphere would have an anchor that would sit on top of the pole. He noted they would utilize a crane to move the spheres.

PARCAB Member Hiller asked Director Palmer if the group had discussed the merits of the centerpiece.

Neighborhood and Leisure Services Director Cass Palmer replied to PARCAB Member

Hiller that the group was still open but that the two options toward the top of the list were a sports statue or a three-sided obelisk. He asked Member Hiller if she had something else in mind.

Member Hiller stated to Director Palmer she thought the figurine would not be the best choice as it would only represent one of the genders that was chosen or the one sport that would be chosen. She stated it was not representative of the people at the park and the decision opened them up to someone not liking it. Member Hiller stated she thought the sign would be great for photo opportunities or social media. She asked Director Palmer how they would show their parks were great in North Las Vegas. Member Hiller added they were in an age where statues were being removed and they should be cautious as far as what was chosen for the centerpiece.

Vice Chairwoman Ward asked what the members felt about a trophy-themed centerpiece and provided an example of an award motif or star.

Member Hiller replied to Vice Chairwoman Ward that she thought the sign was nice with the variations but that it was not inclusive to all sports.

Neighborhood and Leisure Services Director Palmer stated they presently did not make a trophy top that was multi-sport or multi-gender and it would be difficult to represent one sport or gender and not the others. Director Palmer stated they would bring more renditions of the tri-sided obelisk and figurines to the next meeting. He provided a centerpiece idea of a flagpole, but said drove over the circle in the past and hit boulders that were in the circle.

Chairman Branch asked if there were any more questions from the board. Chairman Branch stated he did not know what the right answer was regarding the centerpiece as someone would get upset no matter what was put there.

Director Palmer stated the safe answer would be to put replicas of all the sports and genders in the center. He stated the discussion and points were well taken but they had to push the project forward with the information on hand at that time to make the decision.

BOARD ITEMS

5. <u>Board Member Updates on Park Art Ideas. (For Discussion Only)</u>

Chairman Branch opened the discussion by introducing Vice Chairwoman Ward.

Vice Chairwoman Ward stated a few meetings ago they discussed where the metal, public-friendly, graffiti-friendly potential artwork for the parks was made and she had done research. She provided a digital photo of the metal artwork and stated there was a sphere with a colored light and some other ones. She said if they were using a

sphere, it did not have to be tiny text and they could push that to be an immersive experience. She added she had other examples. She said if they were going to go that route, they needed to be as friendly to their citizens and residents while getting the most bang for their buck and having the display be durable.

Member Hiller stated they could incorporate positive messages with the metal artwork idea and provided an example of the "Trail of Hope" in a park in Utah. She said there were positive and inspirational messages as someone walked through the park.

Supervisor Angela Johnson replied to Member Hiller that the second company they went to created sculptures and came out to design them. She said they were trying to figure out which theme to select. She stated they wanted to be unique so when someone saw it, they knew they were at a North Las Vegas park.

Vice Chairwoman Ward replied to Supervisor Johnson that she agreed with her line of thinking and that people enjoyed unique experiences but also wanted a sense of familiarity. She said it was raising the bar as far as experiences for their residents. Vice Chairwoman Ward said she loved the direction in which they were going and thanked Recreation Supervisor Angela Johnson.

Neighborhood and Leisure Services Director Cass Palmer stated with regards to the trails, there were bridges in Europe that had fences where locks were attached as signatures of love. He stated comments or ideas of that nature were what they were looking for. He replied to Supervisor Johnson that the statues along I-15 had deer which were smaller in width. He said they could use windchimes or statues and turn them on their sides. Director Palmer stated they could use horizontal slices of two people. He asked the group to take pictures of other ideas and bring them back for discussion.

Neighborhood and Leisure Services Director Cass Palmer stated PARCAB Member Ramirez had stunning and vibrant-colored handprints on the bases of some of the light poles in the parks. He said they were personalized and showed youth had been there and they had not been tagged.

Chairman Branch thanked Director Cass Palmer and asked if there were any more comments.

Member Hiller asked Director Palmer if they were told when a grant came in and asked how they would know how much money they had to utilize.

Director Palmer replied to Member Hiller that they had a budget request in as they spoke for the new fiscal year which began July 1, 2022. He stated he art project for the utility boxes was from a matching grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. Director Palmer said matching arts grants were out there but they needed to get in some larger numbers to begin. He added that artists were not cheap and they needed to be selective in their approach.

Neighborhood and Leisure Services Recreation Supervisor Angela Johnson stated she had asked for board assistance in looking for grants as there were few at that time. She noted there were two grant writers in the city.

Chairman Branch asked Neighborhood and Leisure Services Director Cass Palmer to let him know if he spotted future opportunities as he would go back to Capitol Hill and use his position they all had on the board to bring it to their attention.

Director Palmer stated to Chairman Branch that they had a passing conversation with Congressman Horsford about \$750,000 that had come in for city improvements. He said they would not know where the idea would go but that it never hurt to ask.

Chairman Branch asked if Member Maxwell had any comments.

Member Maxwell did not reply to Chairman Branch.

Vice Chairwoman Ward stated she thought it was Member Maxwell's idea to go big and provided an example of stacked stones that she said created attractions to draw people in.

Neighborhood and Leisure Services Director Palmer stated the stacked stones drew thousands of people to Las Vegas. He said if there were multiple art installations, people would come to North Las Vegas to view the art.

Vice Chairwoman Ward stated the pillars were a simple design concept but the color blocking added to their dramatic appearance.

Member Ian Brown asked which pillars Director Palmer and Vice Chairwoman Ward were referring to.

Director Palmer replied to Member Brown that the stones were known as the "Seven Magic Mountains."

Chairman Branch asked if there were any more comments and stated he would return to Staff Items as it had been skipped. Chairman Branch asked Staff to provide any updates.

STAFF ITEMS

Neighborhood and Leisure Services Director Cass Palmer stated to Chairman Aubrey Branch that Supervisor Angela Johnson and her team were looking for ideas and grants. He said with regards to the murals, utility boxes and bollards, they were just at the initial stage. He thanked Chairman Branch and stated that was all he had.

Angela Johnson stated June 4, 2022 was the grand reopening of Silver Mesa Recreation Center Pool, 4095 Allen Lane from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. She said it took a lot of work to get it done but that it was beautiful. She added that there would be food, a DJ, entertainment and games.

Director Palmer stated it was a work of art and was nicely done.

Chairman Branch thanked Recreation Supervisor Angela Johnson and asked if there were any more updates.

Director Cass Palmer replied to Chairman Branch that staff had no more updates.

6. Board Member Discussion on Park Related Items. (For Discussion Only)

Chairman Branch opened the discussion.

Member Hiller stated she had a comment. She said she had read previous minutes as she had not been there and apologized. Member Hiller asked for an update regarding the dog parks and if they were being installed in other parks.

Neighborhood and Leisure Services Director Palmer replied to Member Hiller that they were letting a contract with Lage Design, Inc., to construct dog parks in other areas around town. Director Palmer said they were looking at three parks up north: Aviary Park, Deer Springs Park and Nature Discovery Park. He added he had been talking with Mayor Pro Tempore Cherchio about getting community insight into what Lage came up with and would put the final design together. He noted Lage Design, Inc., would be coming back in late July with a design and they would showcase it at the meeting to get concepts and thoughts.

Member Hiller stated that the concept and design does not interest her as much as the location of the dog park within the park. She said it was the proximity to the homes as she lived near the Seastrand dog park. Member Hiller stated she hoped the dog parks were not placed near homes if possible.

Neighborhood and Leisure Services Director Palmer stated Aviary and Deer Springs Park would not be the issue but the question would be the location of the dog park within Nature Discovery Park due to the row of homes nearby.

Member Hiller stated Aviary Park had homes nearby.

Director Palmer stated to Member Hiller that they were thinking the location would be by the basketball courts and near the freeway.

Member Hiller stated that the location near the freeway would be great.

Neighborhood and Leisure Services Director Palmer stated if the dog parks were near the homes, they would be utilized. He said if the dog park was on the far side of the park, people would have to walk through the park to get to the dog park and then it would not be utilized.

Member Hiller stated they had to make friends, which was why they were going to the dog park.

Director Palmer stated it was for the socialization rather than waste aspect but they were trying to keep the comments in play. He said some of the folks that do not back to the park would ask them to bring the dog park closer to their residence so they were not walking across the park.

Member Hiller said in her experience the dog park was not utilized by local residents.

Director Cass Palmer replied to Member Hiller that several factors started this. He said he spoke with Aliante residents who, when asked where the nearest one was, stated they did not have any dog parks. He said it was extremely popular at Craig Ranch Park and people got out to socialize all day long.

Member Hiller stated they were out at 5:30 a.m. and she liked how it had two dog parks: one for big dogs and one for little dogs.

Director Palmer replied to Member Hiller that most governmental agencies had gone the way of segregation by size regarding dog parks. He said it was usually separated by small, medium and large-sized dogs. Director Palmer added it was a unique discussion and there would be more to come on that.

Member Brown stated he noticed the vegetation was being cut at Centennial Lawrence Trailhead and observed a roll-out used for the debris. Member Brown said he also visited Tropical Breeze park where he noticed debris left near the south end of the park.

Director Cass Palmer replied to Member Brown the debris was left due to no truck space or the team got pulled to a different job. He said he would ensure the debris removal.

Member Brown mentioned he visited Valley View Park and noticed a sign saying the park had been sponsored.

Neighborhood and Leisure Services Director Palmer stated the sign had been there forever and was part of the neighborhood infrastructure. He said they did not allow many park adoptions as they were not like a highway. He said they had a team that came in and cleaned up the park.

Member Brown asked Director Palmer what the terms of the park sponsorship had been.

Neighborhood and Leisure Services Director Cass Palmer replied to Member Brown that periodically the sponsorship would come out to pick up debris in the park. He added that the sign had been there for over 20 years and had been repainted many times. Director Palmer said it was a neighborhood park with the sponsorship engraved in the neighborhood. He provided some aspects of what defined a neighborhood park:

- No geographical distance
- No restrooms
- No parking

Neighborhood and Leisure Services Director Palmer added that restrooms and parking would push people from outside the neighborhood to use the park. He said if they added lighting, it would bring sports teams to come and utilize the parks at odd hours.

Member Ian Brown thanked Director Palmer for the information.

Director Palmer stated the concept behind adopt a highway and adopt a park was alive and well but was not at the forthright. He said it was difficult to bring people together and that they would rather bring them together by advertising and managing a park cleanup.

Member Ramirez asked if there was something they could do regarding Joe Kneip Park as it had bushes behind the playgrounds and there were transient people sleeping or defecating.

Director Palmer replied to Member Ramirez that it was difficult. He stated they discussed removing bushes, but as fast as they could be removed, the individuals moved down the fence line.

Member Ramirez asked Director Palmer about the lighting at Joe Kneip Park and said it is dark.

Director Palmer responded to Member Ramirez that they were working on lighting. He said the basketball court and soccer field lighting was on demand. He said at night, they automatically tone down but pop up if someone walked through. Director Palmer stated they received a few complaints from people who said they could not sleep due to the light shining through their windows.

Member Ramirez stated the park hours on the Joe Kneip Park sign did not match actual park hours.

Director Palmer stated they had new signage and had to change the city ordinances to standardize the parks. He said the City Council had approved it and they had standard signage.

Member Brown asked Director Palmer what park hours were and if they were dawn to dusk.

Neighborhood and Leisure Services Director Palmer stated the park hours were 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., with Craig Ranch Park opening at 6:00 am. He said there was pushback from the 7:00 a.m. opening due to early morning walkers and dog walkers. He said they researched to ensure there were no homes in the area and no landscaping or watering occurring at that time. Director Palmer added if there was a special event, they could apply for elongated hours.

Vice Chairwoman Ward asked Neighborhood and Leisure Services Director Palmer if the 11:00 p.m. closure was chosen due to alignment with curfew.

Director Palmer stated the 11:00 p.m. closure was due to curfew. He noted the majority of their parks were neighborhood parks with the exception of Craig Ranch Park. He said the neighborhood parks were for people to go out and enjoy during reasonable hours.

Member Hiller stated 10:00 p.m. was reasonable in her opinion. She said the lighting at Discovery Park was what she was going to discuss regarding the volleyball courts. She stated a friend had asked her if it was a purposeful decision to not light the sand volleyball courts. Member Hiller said during the winter months, they had an activity in which they had to shine their car lights on the court to be able to play.

Neighborhood and Leisure Services Director Palmer replied to Member Hiller that volleyball was a phenomenal sport but at the time, due to low usage and high cost, they decided not to light the courts as lighting was not cheap. He provided an example of installation of four light poles and stated it was close to \$250,000.00. Director Palmer stated if the usage was there, they would reconsider.

Member Hiller asked Director Palmer how usage was determined.

Director Palmer stated they would ask staff to take count as they were always in the field and could see when people played and when they did not. He stated most sporting activities were on Saturdays. He said they were looking for large, local numbers to come out to justify that expense.

Member Hiller stated they could donate the Seastrand Park dog park light to the Discovery Park volleyball court location and she would be happy.

Vice Chairwoman Ward asked Director Cass Palmer about the "Welcome to North Las Vegas" signage.

Director Palmer stated they could provide guidance. He said it was not a park sign but he knew which signs Vice Chairwoman Ward was referring to.

Vice Chairwoman Ward stated there was a beautiful sign by Main Street. She said there was a small sign on Pecos and Owens in the northwest corner, and that Bruce and Owens had one, also. She said they had an initiative with art in each park and if they ended up with a color scheme or uniformity, that would help tie them in with branding. Vice Chairwoman Ward added that some of the signs needed something extra.

Member Ian Brown agreed with Vice Chairwoman Ward and said there was a sign on Craig and Decatur. He said there were some that were bold but other signs that were understated.

Director Palmer said some of the signs were small by design and provided an example of the sign on Decatur and Craig. He noted that the sign was on public property but that they could ask retailers.

Chairman Branch stated that might have come from the economic side of the city. He stated that Vice Chairwoman had a point about the signs not being visible.

Director Cass Palmer stated in the past they discussed arches which were similar to the one they had now that were striking. He asked who had brought up the missing letter on the Lake Mead sign as they wanted to keep their signage looking good.

Deputy City Clerk II Justine McDowell stated she had brought up the missing letter.

Member Brown said if they had uniform branding for parks and libraries the welcome locations would be suitable for those. He said it would help promote patriotism within the city. He stated they could try speaking to Walgreens and explain the signage concern. Member Brown said as long as the sign was not too large, they might be inclined to support it.

Member McKenzie said he thought signage would help people know where North Las Vegas began and ended.

Director Palmer said the blue street signs indicated the city of North Las Vegas with exceptions of major arterials.

Member McKenzie said they were discussing the Craig Ranch grant regarding constructing sports fields several months ago. He stated he did not hear anything beyond the first meeting.

Cass Palmer replied to Member McKenzie that for six multi-use fields, it would go through a formal bid process with a bid package developed by their outside third party by the end of the month. He said he estimated between three to four weeks later they would get some answers about who was completing it, with the lowest and most qualified bidder being awarded the project.

Member McKenzie stated he was under the impression they would be informed during the process and that he would have liked to see one when it was completed.

Neighborhood and Leisure Services Director Cass Palmer stated all he saw was the design, but the project had not morphed much from when it began.

Member McKenzie stated the north edge of Seastrand Park had 5 bollard lights that had been out for at least three months and also one south end ballpark light.

Director Palmer replied to Member McKenzie to send him a photo of the lighting outages.

Chairman Branch asked if there were any more comments.

Member Ian Brown inquired about the turf abatement project they had discussed at previous meetings.

Neighborhood and Leisure Services Director Palmer stated they had a meeting on May 10, 2022 with their third party company who looked at all the parks and the streets and received the third party thoughts. He said if the park was a square, the idea was to put a square inside the square. Director Palmer said he had turned the suggestions over to internal staff to gather their thoughts from an operational and aesthetic perspective. He said they could take the interior square and change it to an oval or a circle so the people on the mowers could drive around quicker as mowing a corner was difficult. He stated when they got the operational view it would move to City Council and City Manager. Director Palmer said there was already an agreement on it and they were ahead of the game.

Member Brown thanked Director Cass Palmer for the update.

Chairman Branch stated Vice Chairwoman Ward had a comment.

Vice Chairwoman Ward said she wished to thank management for consulting people on the ground floor for making the decisions of the scope as it seemed wise to her.

Director Cass Palmer replied to Vice Chairwoman Ward that the purpose of the board was that they represented their wards within the city and were the representative voices of those who had visuals. He said they could question people from a design aspect what their thoughts were. Director Palmer provided an example from Member Hiller. He stated her comments earlier regarding lighting and dog park proximity to housing were discussions they wanted to have.

Chairman Branch asked if there were any more comments. He stated Member Brown had brought up grass. He said he wanted to know where Director Palmer saw them in the future in terms of the water shortage.

Neighborhood and Leisure Services Director Palmer stated the SNWA said they would

keep grass green if it were utilized. He stated if grass was not needed, it would be removed. He said that was the edict they were operating under but that they did want their parks green. He stated the sports fields had to have grass for people watching the games but were questioning if it could be something else. He noted in other segments of the valley there was greenspace but that it had been turf. Director Palmer said they wanted as much grass as possible where it made sense.

Vice Chairwoman Ward stated in addition to grass, the public wanted shade.

Chairman Branch asked if there were any more comments before they closed. He thanked Director Palmer and the entire staff on the committee. He thanked staff for the work they continued to do and stated he appreciated the board and each member for their participation. He said he did not know if Member Maxwell was still on the line but that he appreciated him for coming on board.

City Clerk Jackie Rodgers asked Member Maxwell if he was still on the line.

Member Maxwell stated he was still there.

Chairman Branch stated he appreciated each member of the board.

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public participation.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Branch adjourned the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

/s/ Aubrey Branch
Aubrey Branch
Chairman

/s/ Erin Obed

Erin Obed Deputy City Clerk II